

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7.00 p.m. at Leavenheath Village Hall and by Video Conferencing.

PRESENT: P Mortlock (Chairman), Y Roder, S Whitelaw, L Parker (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 4 members of the public attended in person. No video link was requested.

PUBLIC FORUM: Nothing was raised.

APOLOGIES: were received and accepted from C Morgan, R Bellenie and D Kingham.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 17th MAY 2023: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY, ORGANISATIONS AND WARDENS ON URGENT MATTERS DURING THE RESTRICTIONS BY COVID 19:

Reports were provided from the Village Hall, Village Green, Community Woodland and from the Police Website.

Village Hall Report

Business as usual at the Village Hall! James Bond "No Time to Die" is the next film on Saturday 1st July. Reminder for all electric vehicle owners, our charges are currently 35p/kWh at the village hall which is very competitive. Rates will possibly be reviewed in next few months but in the meantime, if you have visitors over the summer they are very welcome to use our charging facilities. Lots of hard work by the Leavenheath Events team for the Summer Fete on 17th June, please come along and enjoy the fun.

Tree Warden's Report

There were no developments to report.

Footpath Warden's Report

There were no developments to report.

Police Report

March

1 x Violence and Sexual offence on or near Hawthorn Way - unable to prosecute suspect

1 x Other theft near SBN Golf Club - no suspect identified

1 x Burglary on or near Oaklands - under investigation

2 x Violence and Sexual offences on or near Stoke Road - both under investigation

April

1 x Violence and Sexual offence on or near Wrights Way - under investigation

Village Green Report

There were no developments to report

Leavenheath Events Sub-Committee

The First Aid quote was agreed under Finance and County Cllr J Finch offered to reimburse £300 from his Locality Fund to support the Summer Fete.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr L Parker attended and reported that the District Council Elections brought no overall control. A coalition cabinet of Greens, Independents and Liberal Democrats. The first cabinet meeting had not taken place. He has requested a contribution of £500 towards the Fete. He has been pushing for the Referendum date which now has been set as 19th July. The requirement for Voter ID is being checked. The Chairman agreed to publicise the date. L Parker agreed to follow up regarding the litter picking rubbish bags and bin.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: J Finch (County Cllr) attended and reported that the Ukrainian refugees moving to private rented accommodation are being supported by the County Council with a one off £2000 grant. The County Council have agreed a revised infrastructure policy to support water security. Suffolk residents are urged to empty plastic bags and not throw them in recycling to keep recycling clean, dry and loose. His report concluded with a moving account of what it means to be fostered.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE: The Referendum was set for 19th July. The Chairman will arrange for Notices to publicise it and put something on the Parish Council Website - **Action Chairman.** D Kingham and R Bellenie will be asked to put a notice on social media. The Committee Room will be used. G Deeks agreed to publicise to Leavenheath Events database.

CORRESPONDENCE: On-going correspondence was noted by the meeting

URGENT HIGHWAYS SAFETY MATTERS: J Finch was asked to liaise with R Bellenie re traffic calming near the Stoke Road bend. He urged everyone to check the quality of the recent resurfacing and report any concerns.

FINANCE: The Bank Balances as at 1st June 2023 were £60265.68 in the Community Account and £15533.12 in the Rate Reward Account making a total of £75798.80.

The following pre-agreed payments were made: -

Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Details
<u>As at 1st June</u>			
Funds Transfer	852.83	A Deeks	L/Events - Fete
Funds Transfer	700.00	Groundwork UK	NP grant under-spend
Funds Transfer	821.48	Clerk/HMRC/SCC	Staffing costs
Funds Transfer	455.43	BHIB Ltd	PC Insurance
Funds Transfer	326.04	Tree & Lawn Co Ltd	VG Maintenance
Funds Transfer	282.51	N Weston-Plumb	L/Events - Fete
Funds Transfer	100.00	Leavenheath VH	L/Events - Fete hall hire
Funds Transfer	21.00	J Dunkley	L/Events - Fete
Funds Transfer	617.74	BHIB Ltd	VG Insurance

Leavenheath Events Committee Finance items

The First Aid cost was above budget and the original provider backed out last minute. The new quote was agreed and County Cllr J Finch offered to reimburse from his Locality Budget as he wanted to support the Fete - **Action Clerk to share details with J Finch.**

Insurance Renewals

Both the Parish Council and Village Green Insurance renewals were reviewed and agreed and listed with the payments above.

The **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 was approved** and will go on the Parish Council Website.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: Nothing was raised.

MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE ASSETS: Nothing was raised.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS : Nothing was raised.

The meeting closed at **7.55 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 7th June 2023

The following decisions were advised from the Planning Authorities: -

- A) Consent has been granted for work to protected oak tree at 34 Bramble Way, Leavenheath - **DC/23/02109**.
- B) Prior Approval is required for larger extension proposed for 16 Mayfields, so a full Planning Application would be needed - **DC/23/02092**.

The following applications and planning matters were discussed: -

- 1) The Clerk confirmed a letter had been received from National Grid in relation to the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement. It is now at the Pre-Examination phase and interested parties can register with the Planning Inspectorate. This allows the party to make representations and keep informed of the progress. The deadline for representations is 18th July 2023.
- 2) L Parker was asked to investigate the application for a wedding venue at Stoke by Nayland Club.